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**Re: ORS Petition for Rule to Show Cause – Covista, Inc.  
Docket Nos. 2012-253-C & 2011-329-C**

Dear Jocelyn:

We filed a joint application on behalf of Birch Communications, Inc.; Birch Telecom of the South, Inc., dba Birch Communications (collectively “Birch”); and Covista, Inc. requesting authority to transfer Covista, Inc.’s telecommunications assets and customer base to Birch earlier today. The Commission assigned it Docket No. 2012-417-C. Covista’s authority to provide local exchange service was revoked by Order No. 2012-778 for failure to file a performance bond required by 26 S.C. Code Regs. 103-607. Covista subsequently requested a modification to the bond amount and an extension to file the required bond. The Commission granted the request in Order No. 2012-822.

Since the asset transfer will affect the bond, we provide this letter as notice of the pending docket. If the transfer is approved by the Commission, Birch Telecom’s \$100,000 Performance Bond will encompass the former Covista customers. Should you need any additional information, please let us know. Should you have any questions, please contact me.

Very truly yours,

ROBINSON, MCFADDEN & MOORE, P.C.

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